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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 100-344753

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Date: August 22, 1955  
To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.  
Attention: Deputy Director, Plans  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: ROTE KAPELLE  
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Reference is made to previous correspondence  
in the captioned matter.

Our representative at Madrid, Spain, has  
been advised that an offer has been received by  
the Office of the United States Air Attache at  
Madrid, from Otto Skorzeny to furnish information  
regarding the captioned subject and that he claims  
to be able to obtain decodes of approximately  
50 per cent of the Rote Kapelle traffic not previously  
decoded. We understand that this matter has been  
referred to your representative at Madrid.

Information regarding Otto Skorzeny is  
contained in your memorandum dated May 1, 1951,  
captioned "Otto Skorzeny, alias Rolf Steinbauer,"  
your reference SO DB-36848.

You are requested to advise us whether  
information in your possession indicates the existence  
of remaining Rote Kapelle traffic which has not been  
decoded.

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*Letter to Director  
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*You are also requested to furnish us  
any additional pertinent information which may  
be developed regarding Rote Kapelle.*

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